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COPENHAGEN FOR REGIONAL FISHERIES ATTACHE AND USDEL ICNAF
MEETING

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SUBJECT: FRENCH REACTION TO U. S. PROPOSAL TO ICNAF

REF: A. PARIS 13787; B. PARIS 13751; C. PARIS 13812 (NOTAL);

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1. DURING MEETING WITH THIBAUDAU (DEP. DIR.) AND LABROUSSE OF
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MARITIME FISHERIES TO DISCUSS U. S. VIEWS FOR FORTHCOMING MEETING INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION, WE ASKED FOR GOF REACTION TO U. S. PROPOSAL TO ICNAF (REF D).

2. THIBAUDAU REITERATED THAT GOF IN FULL ACCORD WITH USG ON NEED TO IMPROVE CONTROLS OVER FISHING EFFORT IN ICNAF AREA TO CONSERVE FISHERIES. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT STRICTER CONTROLS WOULD HAVE TO BE APPLIED IN ALL ICNAF SUBAREAS, NOT JUST IN SUBAREAS 5 AND 6, SINCE LIMITATIONS APPLIED ONLY TO THESE AREAS WOULD INEVITABLY RESULT IN SHIFT OF FISHING EFFORT TO OTHER AREAS UNLESS THEY EQUALLY PROTECTED. HE COMMENTED THAT WHILE FRENCH FLEET DOES NOT OPERATE MUCH IN AREAS OFF U. S. COAST, FRENCH DO FISH EXTENSIVELY IN THESE OTHER AREAS AND GOF WOULD NOT BE PREPARED SEE IMPLEMENTATION CONTROLS IN SUBAREAS 5 AND 6 RESULT IN SHIFT OF GREATER RESOURCES TO AREAS IN WHICH THEY HAVE IMPORTANT FISHERIES.

3. BOTH FRENCH OFFICIALS AGREED THAT FATE OF U. S. REQUEST WOULD DEPEND LARGELY ON SOVIET REACTION AND ASKED IF USG HAD OBTAINED PREVIOUS SOVIET AGREEMENT TO FISHING EFFORT CONTROLS WHICH LEAD US TO BELIEVE THEY WILL COOPERATE IN ICNAF MEETING. EVEN ASSUMING AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO SYSTEM OF CONTROLS ON FISHING EFFORT, THIBAUDAU WONDERED WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE IN SHORT TIME AVAILABLE AT MEETING TO WORK OUT TECHNICAL DETAILS ON SUCH MATTERS AS COEFFICIENTS FOR VARIOUS TYPES OF FISHING BOATS.

4. EMPHASIZING THAT HE WAS SPEAKING PERSONALLY, THIBAUDAU SAID HE WAS IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH USG PROPOSAL. HE STATED, HOWEVER, THAT IF EVEN MODIFIED FORM USG PLAN IS ADOPTED THERE WILL BE IMMEDIATE SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND LONG- TERM REDUCTION IN INVESTMENT IN FISHING INDUSTRY CAUSED BY THE NEED TO RATIONALIZE FISHING FLEETS AND DECOMMISSION LEAST EFFICIENT BOATS. IN THE SOCIAL AREA HE NOTED THAT GOVERNMENTS WOULD HAVE TO COME UP WITH SIMPLIFIED EXPLANATION OF RATIONALE FOR THIS COURSE OF ACTION TO PROVIDE FISHERMAN SINCE LATTER UNLIKELY UNDERSTAND OR FIND ACCEPTABLE ABSTRUSE AND COMPLEX SCIENTIFIC BASIS FOR IT. DECONTROL

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